The names of the Indian companies are:

(i) M/s. Metropolitan Trading Company, Bombay.

(ii) M/s. Bottle Glass Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

(iii) M/s. Tropical Shipping Company, Vishakhapatnam.

(iv) M/s. Varuna Marine Products, New Delhi.

(v) M/s. VBC Exports (P) Ltd., Vishakhapatnam.

(vi) M/s. Coastal Trawlers (P) Ltd. Kakinada.

Deepsea fishing with assistance of other countries

1663. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration a scheme for deep sea fishing with the assistance of other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the foreign exchange likely to be earned by the sale of fish so caught?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Closure of rice mills

1664. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to close down 24 modern rice mills, working all over the country, set up by the Food Corporation of India;

(b) what are the details of these 24 mills, their location, the total number of employees employed;

(c) the total number of employees likely to be affected by the closure of the mills; and

(d) what steps have been taken to provide alternate employment to the workers likely to be retrenched?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The Management of the Food Corporation of India have decided to close operations in its 25 rice mills on account of economic non-viability.

(b) A statement is annexed.

(c) and (d) The FCI staff working in these mills will be adjusted elsewhere in the Corporation and there will be no retrenchment on account of closure of the mills.

Statement

Details of the Modern Rice Mills of Food Corporation of India

Sl. No.	State in which mills located	Place of location	No of employees of the Corporation
1	Tamil Nadu	Chidambaram	26
		Sembanarkoil	24
		Mannargudi	24
		Thanjavur	24